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1. Chinese Communists in Shantung Province are strong supporters of MAO Tse-tung, and very few of them have heard of LI Li-san. LI's strength and influence lie primarily north of the Great Wall. The majority of the Chinese Communists in Shantung are farmers who see in MAO's agrarian program a chance for them to better their lot. There is nothing in LI Li-san's program that is in any way more attractive to Shantung Chinese Communists than that which MAO advocates.
2. Shantung has long been a stronghold of Communism in China. That the Chinese Communists are well organized in Shantung is testimony of the success they have had in expanding their doctrines throughout the province. In each of the three departments -- military, political and administrative -- they are so organized that they reach even the farmers in outlying villages.
3. The attitude of the defeated Chinese Communists in Shantung is that they have gone too far now to turn back and that a negotiated peace or peace short of actual military victory is not desired. Although the people themselves are tired of the long war, they are so indoctrinated that they believe only harm can befall them if they are governed by other than their own Chinese Communist leaders.

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